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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Norman J. Metz, D.M.D.
License No. DI 9741

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of information concerning Norman Metz, D.M.D. ("respondent"), which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a dentist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant to this order.
2. On April 27, 2005 respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor in the State of New Jersey based upon the knowing submission of false and misleading information in a claim submitted to Delta Dental, Plan of New Jersey, Inc., specifically, a misrepresentation of a date of service.
3. That Consent Order imposed a civil penalty of \$2,500 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above action provides grounds for disciplinary action in this State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(k) in that respondent has been the subject of an order entered in an administrative proceeding that imposed civil penalties.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusion, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on September 21, 2005. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent's address of record by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should not be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, via his attorney, Pamela Mandel, Esq., requesting consideration in a letter dated October 17, 2005. In the letter, respondent's attorney asserts respondent entered into the Consent Order based on a single incident involving misleading information that was included in a 1997 insurance claim submitted to Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey. According to respondent's attorney, respondent did not prepare or submit the claim. The billing assistant who submitted the claim sought to accommodate the patient by misrepresenting the date of service so that the patient would have insurance coverage.

Respondent's submission was reviewed by the Board. The Board accepts respondent's offered mitigation and notes there have been no complaints against or other allegations of wrong doing by respondent and respondent has paid Delta Dental \$18,430.01 in satisfaction of the matter. As a result, the Board has determined that the Provisional Order should be modified to eliminate the three month stayed period of suspension, as well as the one year period of probation. However,

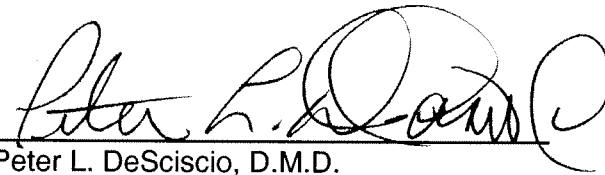
the Board will maintain the reprimand related to respondent's submission of an insurance claim that contained inaccurate information.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 16th day of May, 2007,

ORDERED that:

1. Norman J. Metz, D.M.D., is hereby reprimanded for conduct related to submission of an insurance claim that contained inaccurate information.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
Peter L. DeSciscio, D.M.D.
Board President